Our Parish Hall

The Finance Department of the Archdiocese of Glasgow gave permission to proceed with the building of a new hall in a letter dated 12 March 2012 and to obtain a bank loan of up to £150,000. The Bank of Scotland offered the Archdiocese such a loan for the building of the hall. The construction work started soon after this permission was given. The debt was finally cleared on 8th September 2017 when Mary Mackintosh presented a cheque made out to the Archdiocese for £30,000. It was the parish feast day, the feast of the Nativity of Our Blessed Lady.

While there were expectations that the hall would be sought after for business meetings, weddings, as well as parish functions, there was not a demand for "upmarket" meetings. Though well equipped with facilities, the difficulty of staffing large gatherings as a licensed premises with qualified staff has proved to be beyond the resources of our parish community.

The covid-19 pandemic has added further need to ensure that the premises is thoroughly cleaned and the spread of the disease curtailed. This impacts on staff requirements which were already under strain before the pandemic.

The following activities are the main ones that we wish to see continuing.

The Sunday café after the 9.30 and 11 am Masses.
Children's Liturgy on Sundays
Parish Social evenings.
Parish Council meetings
Alcoholic Anonymous Monday meetings.
SPRED (Special Religious Education) meetings on a Tuesday evening.
Ladies Guild social evenings or afternoons.
Dance classes for the young
Martial arts classes for the young.
Community Council meetings.
School related meetings e.g. in preparation for First Communion, Confirmation.
Meetings for the clergy of the Archdiocese.
Arts and Craft mornings

When qualified and sufficient numbers of staff are available some private functions can be applied for if the conditions as laid out are acceptable.

Groups or individuals who are using the hall are expected to play their part in the cleaning and helping to maintain the fabric of the hall.

(Notices and banners etc are not to be fixed to the painted surfaces since thepaintwork peels off quite easily and retains marks on the wall.)